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Well-paying jobs
tough to find in
tourist economy

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

*This is the third in a series of
five features on poverty in
Haliburton County.*

The very nature of what makes
this geographic region so special –
its hardwood forests, its rolling
hills, its rocky cliffs – is also what
has made it so difficult to get a
good paying job in the Haliburton
Highlands.

In his book *Haliburton: Mem-
ories of Past Years*, Michael
Barnes puts it this way: "Today
the obstacles to past settlement of
rock, dense forest and lack of land
suitable for farming overall have
turned around to work in
Haliburton's favour. Where early
settlers struggled to survive, the
raw natural beauty of the area has
enabled the steady growth of a sig-
nificant tourist industry."

The problem is, Haliburton is
not surviving on that tourism
industry.

This county has one of the high-
est unemployment rates in the
province. The official rate in 2006
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Matt James/TIMES

Llama lick. Yick!

Baysville's Matthew Morgan, 9, received a surprise kiss from Lester the llama at Saturday's Snowball festival in Dorset. Lester and his owner Andre Tieman of the Nordic Inn were walking about saying hi to the record-breaking crowd that attended this year's event. For more photos see pages 13 and 14.

Minden Winterfest brings down the house – literally

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The odds were against this
year's Winterfest in Minden with a
weekend of freezing rain and a
community centre in such disre-
pair that pieces of the building
were literally falling off during
events.

But the show went on even
though attendance was on the
patchy side and the ceiling caved
in during the pancake breakfast.
Activities included broomball, a

chili competition, mini-golf, skat-
ing and a Muskies playoff game.

Muskies beat Predators 4-3

In the second game of playoffs
between the Port Hope Predators
and Lindsay Muskies, the Muskies
tied the series 1-1.

The game had strong attendance
despite the terrible weather. The
game was fast-paced enough that
when the timer broke and was
replaced by an iPod the crowd
remained. And then when a sheet

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Brian Kim tried broomball for
the first time at Winterfest.

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Sibling rivalry sparks a little fun at fire fundraiser

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Wayne Coltman wasn't going to let a little sympathy stand in the way of whupping his little brother in a game of pool on Saturday.

Wayne and Ian Coltman went *mano a mano*, taking turns sinking ball after ball until there were only three left on the table. That's when Wayne inadvertently sunk the white ball, giving the game, and endless bragging rights, to his brother.

Wayne should have known that his brother was going to win anyway. After all, Saturday's pool tournament at Carnarvon Lanes was a fun way to raise money to help Ian rebuild his small engine repair shop.

Martha Perkins/TIMES



With his older brother Wayne hoping he misses the shot, Ian Coltman takes steady aim at a pool tournament held in his honour on Saturday at Carnarvon Bowl. The Stanhope community has rallied behind Coltman, who lost his workshop to fire last month. The tournament and dance that followed that night raised money to help him rebuild.

Ian's livelihood went up in flames during a devastating fire behind his home near Halls Lake last month. All of his tools, all of his equipment, gone. He's been working at Subaru Motors in Minden since the fire but his goal is to rebuild his shop once spring arrives.

He's been amazed by the community's outpouring of support during these darkened days.

"I didn't know a community would come out like this," he says while eating a plate of fries before the match with his brother. "Isn't it great? It's fantastic. A small community sticks together."

As a Stanhope volunteer firefighter, Ian has answered

many a call at others' time of need. Never did he imagine that he'd lose his own shop to fire, nor the way everyone has stepped forward to help. "I didn't count on a pay back."

Brother Wayne says, "It's rough when you know what he's lost. From the tiniest little part to the biggest - gone."

Because Ian was self-employed, he can't fall back on something like unemployment insurance to get him through.

His friends and neighbours, the Stivers in particular, are still bringing him and his wife food. When he rebuilds the shop, all the labour has been donated, as well as many of the supplies, "all kinds of stuff."

An investigation has concluded that Coltman's fire was electrical.

The community fundraising event also included a silent auction, games for kids and a dance. Sharing in the proceeds are Jason Redner and his family, who lost their house shortly after Coltman's fire.

Wayne was taking his loss at the pool table magnanimously. "I can still beat him at ping pong," he said.



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Instructor: Jenn Wainless-Craig

Felt Making from Scratch - Tuesday March 11

Felt making is an ancient art. We will look at pictures about how felt has been used through the centuries. Then you will create felt from scratch using 100% wool. With these new skills you can let your imagination soar and make animals, jewellery or even pictures.

\$30 (includes supplies)

must be 7 years and older Instructor: Fay Wilkinson

Blacksmithing - Wednesday March 12

A fully equipped traveling forge will be located behind the gallery. This is an opportunity to try basic blacksmithing learning to work the forge, heat the metal and bending techniques. Completing a simple piece of work.

\$40 (supplies included)

must be 12 years and older

Instructor: Tracey Lee Green

Face Post Wood Carving - Thursday March 13

Simple carving techniques to create a totem of woodland people using hand held carving tools on a 2x2x6 balsam wood block.

\$30 (includes supplies)

must be 10 years and older

Instructor: Glenn Jewett

Printmaking Pop Art Cards - Friday March 14

A combination of printmaking with soft lino and graphic design and lettering elements, this workshop looks at the Pop Art genre using the simple idea in fun designs. \$30 (supplies included) must be 10 years and older

Instructor: Laurie Carmount

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Many people in Haliburton County don't have the money to make wise food choices. 'You can still buy some foods at a lower cost with good nutritional value, but the reality is that you're not going to have enough money to make ends meet,' says dietician Rosie Kadwell.

Highlanders earn less than most Ontarians

In 2001, the average working person in Minden Hills earned \$30,610; the provincial average was \$47,299

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was 8.4 per cent, which is already two points higher than Ontario, but between December and the end of February that number skyrockets to 35 per cent.

While Barnes was right that the county has taken a bad situation and made the best of it, tourism is not an industry that seems able to support the population year-round.

What started as a county based on agriculture and forestry has become one almost solely based on cottagers and tourists.

"Isn't that the way they were selling it in the beginning? 'Come to Haliburton and you can farm forever.' They came and could farm for two years then they headed up to Manitoba," says Michael Fay. Fay is a local playwright who has worked on public health issues for years and will be a speaker at Minden's upcoming forum on the social determinants of health.

The county was founded on industries

that are no longer viable – most of the softwoods were harvested without being replaced and the soil is no good for farming – and now struggles to keep itself afloat on what's left.

Paradoxically, it is also the tourism industry and the vast gap between rich and poor that keeps poverty hidden from the tourist's eye.

"The area is selling itself as a tourist area and an arts area, so it certainly doesn't want to point out some of the more unpleasant facts of some of the conditions people are forced to live in here. It's selling itself as a kind of paradise," Fay says.

What we work at

Haliburton County is unusual for a rural area because it doesn't have an agricultural, mining or other natural resource extraction base. Much of the incoming wealth rests on the beauty of the area and most of the jobs hinge on what tourists, retirees and wealthy cottagers need.

Therefore, jobs are in resorts, services, construction and retail – not particularly high-paying professions. In 2001, the average earnings for all of those in Minden Hills who worked full-time all year was \$30,610; in Ontario it was \$47,299.

For those who had an income and were over the age of 15, the median income was

\$17,397, while in Ontario it was \$24,816.

Fay Martin, coordinator of the affordable housing group Places for People and a former social worker, says that these numbers are deceptive.

"What we've got is a bimodal distribution. In order to get that mean with that large proportion of people being rich, it means that the poor are really poor and we have no middle class," she said.

"Everyone talks about age demography, but there's also income demography as well. In fact, I would say that's the face of poverty here: you have haves and have-nots living cheek-by-jowl," she said.

Not only is employment generally low paying, but it is also seasonal. As tourists leave in the fall, the jobs disappear too.

In February 2006, there were 430 benefit participants in the Ontario Works program of Haliburton County. In June of 2006, that group dropped to 352.

The Minden Food Bank can tell the season by how many food bags it hands out.

The manager, Joanne Barnes, says it's "crazy" how many new families the food bank has seen this winter. In November there were 10 new adults and eight new children added to the food bank's roll. In December an additional 13 adults and 10 kids were added. By January 17 there were 11 more families.

"One problem in this area is that employees are employed only as part-time staff. That can be 30 hours a week and the employer doesn't have to pay benefits," Barnes said.

"We have a couple who work for minimum wage, part-time hours and have to use the food bank because they can't make ends meet," she said.

Barnes estimated that more than 40 per cent of users are working poor and about 30 per cent are on disability payments.

No food for thought

Ending up with a low monthly salary doesn't just mean skipping the organic lettuce at the IGA. It can mean dependence on the food bank, choosing heat or hydro, or selecting filling but nutritionally void foods at the grocery store.

"They're going to be choosing the things that are less expensive, because that's all they can afford," said Rosie Kadwell, a public health dietician with the Health Unit.

"So, you're going to get the cheaper meats – processed meats such as wieners – that have less nutritional value. You can still buy some foods at a lower cost with good nutritional value, but the reality is that you're not going to have enough money to make ends meet," Kadwell said.

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Informal economy helps people make ends meet

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She works to administer food programs to help people eat the right kinds of foods, like the good food box, which gives families a box of healthy foods for \$15 a month.

She also works with the school breakfast and snack programs, which reveal the poverty in some people's homes.

"We got feedback from the volunteers that do this program saying that when they gave children baby carrot or oranges they could hear the students saying to their peers, 'What is this? I've never had this before,'" Kadwell said.

Other than simply nourishing the students before a day of work, the program can educate them on different ways of eating that they may not have been exposed to before.

"The food that you've been raised on, [if you] come from a low-income family, is more of those less nutritious foods because they are cheaper. So, you may not be exposed to healthier foods and the cycle continues."

Kadwell will also be presenting at the Minden forum on the social determinants of health.

You scratch my back

Low incomes are partially masked in Haliburton by an informal economy where neighbours help each other out with things that would normally cost money. It is a way of surviving on very little, and is also somewhat natural for those living in a rural setting, given the elements can wreak havoc no matter what social class you belong to.

The idea is, for example, that if you help your neighbour plant a garden, she will fix your mailbox when it breaks.

The problem with this comes when one of the neighbours can't help anymore.

"It is all very fine as long as you have something to give, but if your health goes or your mental health goes then you've got nothing to give and no one will give to you, is the worry," Martin said.

The Senate report agrees: "This cohesiveness [of the informal economy], however, is threatened in areas experiencing stagnant or declining populations. When the

'rural safety net' becomes frayed, rural communities end up with problems ... the rural Canadian identity is strongly tied to self-sufficiency, which contributes to the hidden nature of rural poverty."

While neighbours and friends help each other pick up the slack in the tight-knit communities throughout the county, it cannot be argued that this bartering system can always provide food, clothing and shelter for those with low incomes.

The Health Unit's report, "Child Poverty: A problem we cannot afford," says those living on social assistance or on minimum-wage salaries cannot expect to come out ahead after paying the very basics in housing, utilities and food.

"Some local individuals and families with children who rely on fixed incomes or minimum-wage jobs have no money left at month's end to pay for basics such as transportation costs, house insurance, gas, clothing and more," the report says.

It suggests that to remedy this, families may be choosing to skip food in order to pay utilities.

Next week's installment of the series will focus on the pressures on young people and why many feel they must move away to find meaningful employment.

Don't worry – dumpsters don't have eyes

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 14 Minden Hills council meeting.

The Scotch Line landfill site will not be turning Orwellian any time soon, council was told by environmental and property operations manager Bob Romberg.

Councillor Bill Obee brought up a rumour he'd heard that cameras would be installed at the landfill and licence plate numbers would be recorded.

The rumour appeared to be associated with the new scale that will go in at the site in the spring.

"We've got a lot of rumours going around that aren't positive," Obee said. No one on council was sure where the rumour came from.

Canadian Tire needs walking path

Initial staff and agency reactions to the Canadian Tire site plan were presented to council in a memo. Overwhelmingly, those consulted said there should be pedestrian access to Teasdale Street. The site plan does not include such a connection, stating safety concerns at the truck loading area. Council will discuss the site plan at its March 13 meeting.

Keep garbage tags

Anne Cochrane asked council to reconsider eliminating garbage bag tags at the end of this month. She said that she didn't want to have to go to the landfill every week and that other methods of garbage reduction should be looked at instead. McMahon and Obee both agreed with Cochrane and it was referred back to the waste management committee.

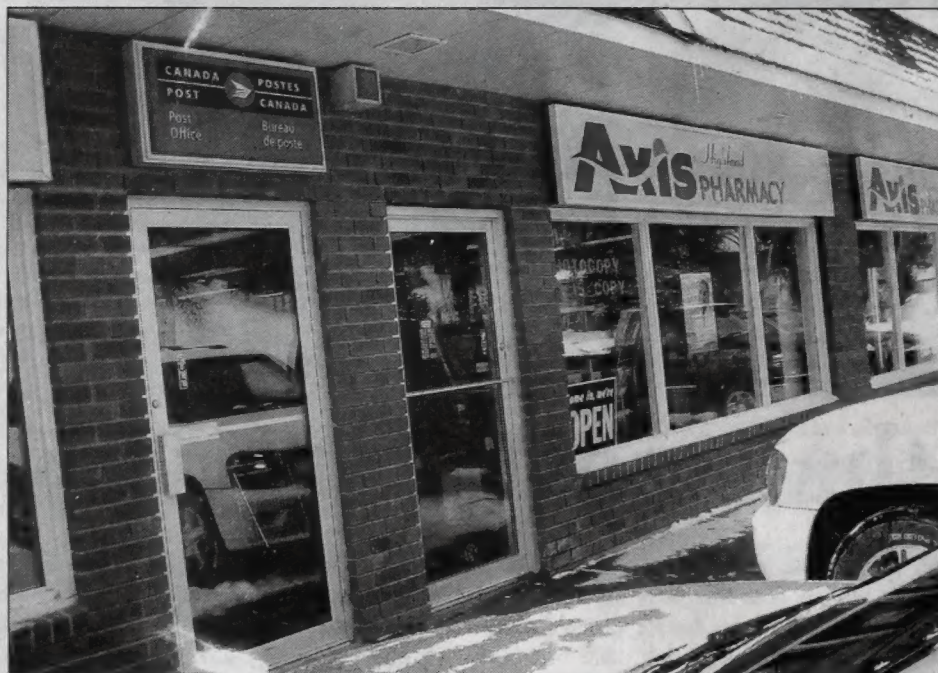
Water and sewer increases proposed

Bob Romberg proposed rate increases for water and sewer for 2008. If implemented, water would increase from \$2.05 per cubic metre to \$2.20 and sewer would increase from \$2.20 per cubic metre to \$2.35.

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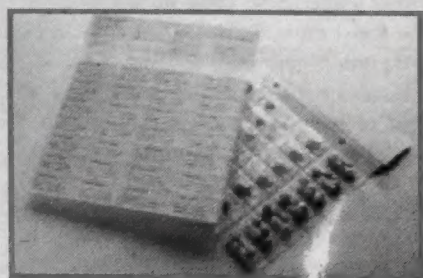
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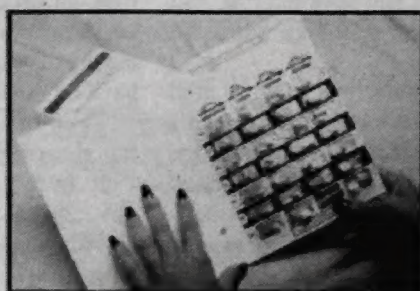


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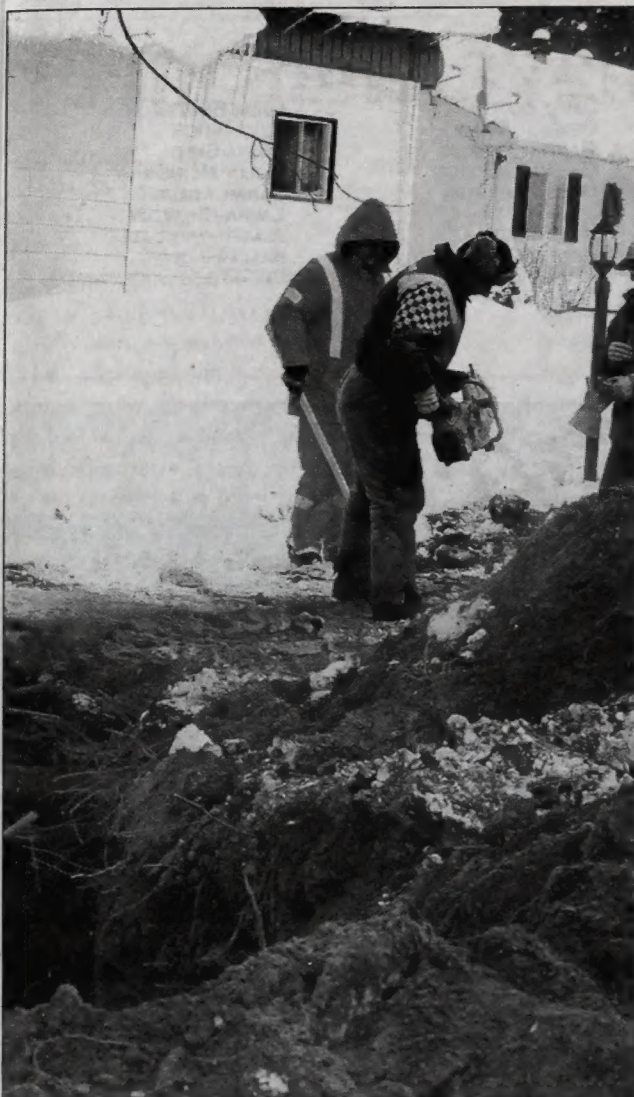
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After digging up nearly every front yard in Lutterworth Pines workers found the leak on Thursday afternoon.

Wet week caused by leak

Lutterworth Pines residents go without water for a week after an old pipe cracks

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

A leak in the water system caused some Lutterworth Pines residents to go without showers for a week, Minden Hills council heard on Thursday.

The mobile home park is built on sandy soil, which sucked up the leaking water, making it very difficult to pinpoint where the breach happened, said environment and property manager Bob Romberg.

The township, as well as independent contractors, worked systematically to find the source of the leak, but it was a lengthy process.

"We brought in a leak detection company and they thought they had found it but after excavation, that's not where it was," Romberg told council.

There were 10 houses without water and the team managed to find the source by Thursday afternoon.

The leak could only be found after digging up the front yards of some homes.

"So what we're having to do now is we're having to dig property by property where the curb is in order to find out if the leak is actually at their property," he said.

Minden Hills is currently pursuing a \$500,000 grant from the province to replace the park's entire water system.

In November 2005, the minister of the environment told the municipality it had to assume control over the system when residents complained the water quality had become inadequate.

"It was their own operation originally and it got to the point where the system was completely run down," Romberg said in an interview.

"They didn't have any money to maintain it and didn't have any licensed operators to oversee the system and it just got progressively worse. So the folks out there asked the ministry to do something about it," he said.

The people in the 28 units on the property have been living with a boil-water advisory since 2002.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

When your arena can't house hockey

EVERY MINDENITE shook his head on Sunday night when the scoreboard at the Lindsay Muskies playoff game got stuck at 16:49. The crowd grumbled as staff scrambled to find a screwdriver and finally settled on an iPod to time the match.

Not a minute later, a sheet of glass from the boards fell off, seemingly on its own accord.

It was a good thing the game was so entertaining because the crowd was getting testy and surely would have stormed away in protest otherwise.

Fans could be heard slamming Minden's arena and suggesting the Muskies play their next game in Bancroft instead.

The next morning, at Winterfest's pancake breakfast at the community centre, the ceiling fell in.

There was a very large, very gaping hole and water dripping on the tables. It had been raining all day on Sunday and the community centre just couldn't handle it.

The pancake-eaters didn't make a fuss though. They smiled and moved their plates away from the site of a second potential ceiling cave-in.

It was lucky for Minden staff and volunteers who worked so hard against such brutal weather that attendees were friendly despite the crumbling structure; nothing ruins the excitement of a hockey game like a ten-minute delay to switch from the scoreboard to an iPod.

And while there were some red-faced staff at the game as everything went wrong, the red faces should really be on Minden council members, for they are the ones who allocate money to infrastructure and should have been on top of this years ago.

It's not just the boards and the scoreboard and the ceiling. They are just symptoms of a neglected building.

The ceiling of the arena was scheduled to be fixed in November, and council approved the maintenance work, but it was never done.

As for the boards and the scoreboard, no one had an explanation for why they simultaneously failed.

No one should be worried about whether the building will withstand Minden's Winterfest. There were no extreme sports going on – the culprits were hockey and a pancake breakfast.

Minden has a budget to set this year. Perhaps some renovations and maintenance of our community buildings could be squeezed in.

Jenn Watt



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Snowman

Photo by Jenn Watt

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Lessons to learn

To the Editor:

According to the *Times* of February 6 SOME of the reeves and councillors of the county have learned that it is wise to consult with the ratepayers BEFORE embarking on measures affecting those ratepayers. (re: the proposed library closures).

That valuable lesson has obviously not been learned by the reeve and councillors of Algonquin Highlands, who have gone ahead with extensive additions to their plans for expansion of the airport without any consultation with the ratepayers. Example? Their intention to expropriate, later changed to outright purchase the

Middleton property for \$200,000.

Apparently that lesson has been learned by one of our councillors, Carol Moffatt, who has gone ahead with an unofficial survey in which it was learned that only 10 per cent of us are in favour.

Too bad that the rest of council couldn't learn that lesson.

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Eight hours of winter

YOU MIGHT RECALL the blizzard we had two Sundays ago. It featured winds that made outdoor urination a very risky proposition and whiteouts that hid the shore. Naturally, I chose this time to go ice fishing.

I didn't do this of my own free will. No, I went because a friend of mine showed up and asked if we could go ice fishing. After his three-hour drive from the city, I could hardly say no. The headlock made this difficult.

So we had a quick coffee and drove out to a small lake in search of lake trout. Eight hours later, we caught one. It doesn't matter who caught it. What matters is that both of us, fairly intelligent individuals, stood on the open ice in the middle of a lake without shelter for eight hours. In this time, we conducted an intellectual study of chattering teeth and bouncing willow gads.

The conversation was scintillating too. It went something like this.

"This is crazy."

"Yes, I agree, this is crazy."

"A few more hours?"

"Sure."

In many ways the whole situation reminded me of an Ingmar Bergman movie — two confused people alone in a bleak and barren landscape, both contemplating the meaninglessness of life.

As if this wasn't enough, at one point a stray Labrador retriever crossed the lake to visit us. I've already met this particular dog before and don't like him much. He tries to steal fish, gloves, and whatever else is handy. So I

warned Bryn not to trust the mutt. In response, he said, "What could he possibly do?"

It was then that the dog raised his leg and pretended that Bryn's new daypack was a

fire hydrant. "That's what," I added.

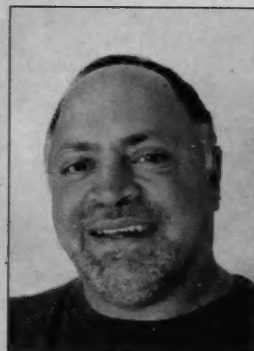
Bryn quickly packed a snowball but I still think he should have thrown it at the dog.

The sad part is, that was the highlight of the day. Several times during the ordeal we could not see shore, even though it was a very small lake. And every five minutes we had to clear the ice out of our holes. And then we tended line.

As enjoyable experiences go, it ranked right up there with root canal or a Celine Dion concert. Okay, it wasn't as bad as a Celine Dion con-

cert, but you get the idea.

In any other country in this world, a team of psychiatrists would have been immediately dispatched to the site. But, as we all know, this is part of what it is to be



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Squirrel-proof? Phooey!

THE GRAY SQUIRREL chowing down on the sunflower seeds in my squirrel-proof bird feeder is smarter than your average squirrel.

This squirrel, who is Gray by species but black by coiffure (melanistic, they call it), has solved the riddle of the closed lid on my feeder. His feeder, it turns out.

To appreciate the squirrel's accomplishment, you need to understand the lengths I have gone to to see that no bird larger than a woodpecker, and certainly no squirrel, can share in the bounty that dangles from a high clothesline outside my study window at Sapsucker Ridge.

This feeder is the Ridge's second. The first did long and worthy service once I made modifications to it to thwart whatever managed to dismantle it and drop it from on high.

That feeder hung from a handle that could be spread apart to let it fall. A squirrel couldn't have done it so I imagined a spry coon working hand over hand out to the feeder to get at it, though I never actually caught one in the act.

In any event, I wired the handle tightly so it couldn't be spread and so that first

feeder lasted until the clothesline from which it hung wore out. Everything came crashing down and that was that.

A perch on a balance beam made the old feeder squirrel-proof while it lasted. Anything heavier than a small bird that landed on the perch closed it. An acrobatic woodpecker could, by fluttering its wings, tilt the balance just enough to get at the seeds.

The new feeder, operating on the same principle, did the same job into its fourth year, until this black marauder breached its defences.

The new feeder, like the one before it, hangs from a clothesline that might be a dozen feet above the ground. I raise and lower it with a piece of lightweight cable that runs through a pulley suspended from the clothesline.

The whole roof on the old feeder came off for refilling. On this new one, a piece

of the roof comes off. The twist of a tiny rooster weathervane releases this lid or locks it down.

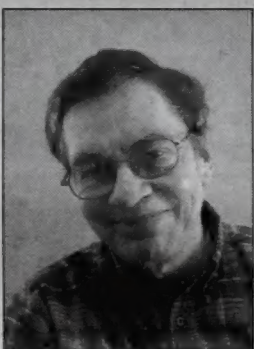
No instructions came with the feeder but I figured it out all by myself. So did the squirrel.

Four times, at least, there has been a break and enter, the roof lid set aside or lying on the ground, the feeder filled with sunflower husks.

It looked like a squirrel's work, I thought, though I supposed a particularly clever and dexterous raven might have solved the puzzle.

That's until I catch the black Gray Squirrel in the act. It is on a morning after it snowed the night before, which could have been almost any day last week.

I had imagined the squirrel sitting on its haunches, using its front paws as hands to turn the rooster, just as I do, but it isn't that at all.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Ribbon campaign was a show of support

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank Martha Perkins for last week's very well-written editorial. It definitely captures the heart of Dorset.

The yellow ribbons that appeared all over Dorset and beyond did not make their appearance until July of 2006. John Clayton was charged with sexual assault in April of 2006. The ribbons were sold

as part of a fundraiser to raise money to support John after his accident in June, and to show his family how much we cared.

Most of the ribbons were taken down in September, after John returned home from the hospital. Some people chose to keep theirs up; that was their prerogative. As well, the yellow ribbon shares a dual purpose; they also show support for the

troops over in Afghanistan.

I think it would be truly sad to live in a community where no one cared about their fellow man and wouldn't support him and his family in their time of need. Isn't that what small town living is supposed to be like? Since when is it a crime to show support for someone you care about?

I hope that this will not prevent other

Canadian. It's what sets us apart. It's why the Americans don't invade.

Whether it is ice fishing, snowmobiling, skating on an open pond, skiing, snowshoeing, curling, or any of countless others frigid things we do, it seems to me that, for us Canucks, this sort of winter activity is a rite of passage. It is in our national character to embrace winter like this at least once a year.

I figure that one Canadian day provides us with a better outlook for the rest of the year. It also explains that crazy fellow you always see who is smiling and whistling a happy tune while digging a meaningless hole in the garden for his wife during the height of black fly season. You know the man. He's sweating rivulets, being eaten alive, and just joyful to be there.

The thing is, he's not nuts.

He's just thinking that it could be a whole lot worse.

That's right, he could be at a Celine Dion concert.

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Sincerely,
Rosemarie MacKay
Dorset

Winterfest is family fun

from page 11

of glass from the boards fell off a moment later only muted grumbles were heard.

Chili competition a dead heat

Gramma's Fish and Chips won the chili competition by one vote in a tight race between four well-known culinary titans. The

Dominion Hotel, Grill on the Gull and the Minden Legion were the other competitors. All funds collected from the competition went to the sesquicentennial planning committee.

Photo contest winners

There was a tie between Lyn Winans and Doug & Donna King.



Freezing rain kept many people at home on Sunday but those who did come out to Winterfest activities had a fun time. Far left: Betty Mills serves up pancakes to a hungry Eric Lilius and Paul Heffer. Centre: Margaret Ross of Gramma's Fish and Chips won the hotly contested chilli contest. Left: Alexander Kim enjoys free skating at Above. Above, two girls give skating a twirl.



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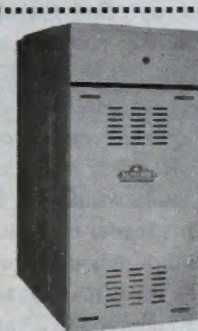
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 28, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 07-19

Applicant - **HUBLEY: Sandra A.**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8730, registered January 25, 2008.

2. File No. 07-27

Applicant - **ALBER: Lawrence and Michelle**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8729, registered January 25, 2008.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of February, 2008.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM Planning Administrator

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: March 13, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers) 7 Milne Street Minden, Ontario

Applicant: HILL: Keith and Shirley

File No.: RZ-08-01

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 06-10 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 21 and 22, Concession 2, in the Geographic Township of Minden from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception (RU*) Zone. The subject lands were granted provisional consent to sever on September 10, 2007 and this amendment is proposed to satisfy a condition of consent. The purpose of the exception is to recognize the lot has less frontage than required in a Rural (RU) zone and to allow development closer than 300 metres to Kashagawigamog Lake.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the applications. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Planning Administrator.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: February 20, 2008

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, Planning Administrator

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Feb 28 Public Meeting & Council - 9:00 a.m.-Council Chambers
- Mar. 10-14 Agnes Jamieson Gallery MARCH BREAK
Art Workshops see info in ad on page 2
- March 13 Committee of the Whole - 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers
- March 15 Youth Saturday Art Clubs - Call Agnes Jamieson Gallery
286-3763
- March 31 Sesquicentennial Logo submissions due

NOTICE

**PUBLIC MEETING - FEBRUARY 28TH 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN
RE: PROPOSED 2008 FEES AND CHARGES AND A PROPOSED
CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OF FEES BY-LAW**

Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is considering amendments to its various Fees and Charges By-laws. Council also intends to consolidate all fees and charges for programs and services for all departments into one comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law. Council is encouraging input from the public regarding the proposed fees and charges.

The Consolidated By-law outlines proposed 2008 Fees and Charges for the following Township Departments:

- Building Department
- Fire Services
- Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Parks & Recreation Programs & Facilities
- Environment & Property Operations: Water, Sewer and Landfill rates
- Administration
- Roads Department
- Cemetery

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law is available on the Township's website, www.mindenhills.ca or available from the Clerk's Department (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

CALL TO CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for creative individuals interested in submitting a logo design to the Sesquicentennial Committee. Help us celebrate our 150th anniversary with a year to remember. Designs may contain a maximum of 3 colours and white. Additional criteria will be available shortly on our website or by contacting Rick Cox, at the Township Office. All Designs must be submitted by 12:00 noon Monday, March 31st, 2008 in a **sealed envelope, clearly marked "Sesquicentennial Logo"** addressed to the Township Office, c/o Rick Cox, Director of Community Services.

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Stay on the trails, OFSC president tells snowmobilers

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The horrific snowmobile deaths of late could probably have been prevented had the riders stayed on designated trails, Bruce Robinson, president of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, said during a visit to Haliburton County.

The timing Robinson's arrival — just days after three snowmobilers died in Lake of Bays — pointed to just how important his organization is.

"Most of the people who get into problems are not on our [OFSC] trail system," Robinson said.

The three men who died on February 10 were not on OFSC trails.

"Most people die and get into accidents off the trail," he said.

Robinson wasn't supposed to be talking about snowmobile riders dying on his trip across Ontario. This is his second time as president on the president's ride to promote the sport as a way to be active in the winter months.

"The best way to get someone involved

[in snowmobiling] is to give them a ride," he said.

There has been a "bit of a downturn in the past few years" mostly due to the warm weather, Robinson said.

So the OFSC is out recruiting new members and showing them the "fresh air, scenery and invigorating outdoor activity" their sport has to offer.

And they're getting some provincial help. The McGuinty Liberals have promised \$3 million this year to promote snowmobiling and upgrade the trail system.

The sport is not only good for getting people active, it is also good for the economy of small towns, Robinson said.

"Tourism comes to the [snowmobiling] areas, especially in the winter when no other tourism is going on," he said.

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New library plan must come from townships

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The public meetings are over, but the hard work is just beginning for the county library board, who met Wednesday evening to flesh out a new recommendation on Haliburton's eight branches.

Consensus around the table was that the public was not happy with the previous recommendation to support only one branch per municipality and that the board had to come up with something more palatable this time.

While board members knew what the public doesn't want — closing any of the branches — making that need fit the means is difficult.

"There is no point making a recommendation that isn't going to fly again. It needs to be something that the municipal councils feel will be acceptable," said Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the board and deputy-reeve of Minden Hills.

Highlands East deputy-reeve Jim Mackie said his

"I have grave concerns about the status quo because I don't think that's what they really want."

ELEANOR HARRISON

municipality wanted to keep all four branches open, even if it means doing serious repairs on some buildings, most notably the Wilberforce branch.

"I can tell you the position of the municipality. As far as the council goes, we don't want to entertain the closure of any of our libraries," he said.

"It came back loud and clear in Highlands East that they don't want bigger and better. They want the status quo," said Mackie, who was unable to attend the public meeting but listened to the recorded responses on tape.

Algonquin Highlands representatives were less sure of what their citizens wanted after the public meeting at the Frost Centre.

"I have grave concerns about the status quo because I don't think that's what they really want. I think they want more open hours and more programming and better services. That's what I thought I heard. Status quo — I don't think they really want," said Algonquin Highlands reeve and county warden Eleanor Harrison.

Harrison was worried that the county would not have the money to fund all of the branches staying open

while enhancing their hours and programming.

Algonquin Highlands deputy-reeve Tom Gardner wasn't sure how best to address the concerns of the people who came out to the public meetings. While agreeing that something had to be done, he said he wasn't sure what that something should be.

"I guess the status quo is one option," Gardner said.

"I guess another option is just leaving the recommendation to county council [for only one branch in each municipality] in its place. You can say, 'Okay, we've made our thoughts known, let's let county council make the political decision.' Or, do we go back to the drawing board," he said.

The citizen board members were much more comfortable with going back to step one than the councillors.

Nancy McLuskey said that, after going to the Wilberforce meeting, she was prepared to totally reverse course and do something different.

"The existing libraries have problems but maybe we need to address them in a different fashion. We have to give some serious thought to what direction we want to provide the county. I'm quite prepared to rethink the whole process as a result of those meetings," she said.

Likewise, Janet Harden said the board needs to look at the libraries in Dysart and Minden differently from the ones in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

"Maybe we should be looking at libraries in two separate ways: Minden and Haliburton as more urban kind of libraries and the smaller ones as rural libraries," she said.

Rozanne Hynard said that even though the two smaller municipalities want the status quo doesn't mean that Minden and Haliburton shouldn't go ahead with enhancements.

"The public seemed to say, 'We don't care, we want these small libraries.' I felt that if we were to go that

route and keep the eight library branches, we need to look at ways to enhance the services for the two larger branches," she said.

The sentiment of most members of the board was that a plan customized for each municipality was needed in order to keep the public happy and to provide adequate library services to everyone.

Murdoch was explicit that every municipality should end up with something better by the end of the process. The dilemma now is how to do that in the smaller municipalities with resources being spread across multiple branches.

Mackie, on the other hand, noted that if people of Highlands East want the bigger, better library they can just visit a neighbouring township.

"We'll have the enhanced library. It's called Dysart," Mackie said.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East will be asked to provide direction to the board for the next meeting on what their voters want in a library system. Board members will also consider whether to ask the Southern Ontario Library Service (authors of the Golden Report of 2002) back to facilitate a new plan.

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An on-looker is in awe of Re/Max's hot air balloon.



Ben Emes serves up some sweet, sweet maple taffy.

One heck of a Snowball!

Photos by Matt James

The county's biggest winter event just got bigger after a record-breaking crowd attended the 18th annual Dorset Snowball February 17.

"We sold 1,800 [Dorset Snowball] buttons," said Melissa Alfano, an organizer of the event. "Last year we sold about 1,600 buttons."

The Family Day long weekend was a likely source for the added numbers but the weather certainly co-operated; the sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud to be seen for miles, which made the numerous outdoor events that much more enjoyable.

The parade kicked off at 11 a.m. followed by the opening ceremonies, launched by town crier Bruce Kruger, who welcomed all and that a great day was in store.

Outside, attendees could taste some free maple taffy, skate on the outdoor rink, play broomball, ride mini-snowmobiles, or float 30 ft. above the ground in the basket of the Re/Max hot air balloon! And of course there were the horse drawn wagon rides.

Inside the Dorset Recreation Centre was the popular Jungle Jack Extreme Balloonist, Mark Verge of Oshawa. And extreme was no exaggeration, this guy was good!

"Jungle Jack, he was amazing. I had a lot of comments from him," said Alfano.

Also indoors were crafts for the kids in the library, a silent auction upstairs in the gym and a Dorset Heritage Museum who organized a 50/50 draw.

The Snowball café, organized by the Knox United and St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Churches served coffee, tea, and sweets and held a bake sale.

If you missed out this year be sure to book next year's Family Day long weekend for the Dorset Snowball!



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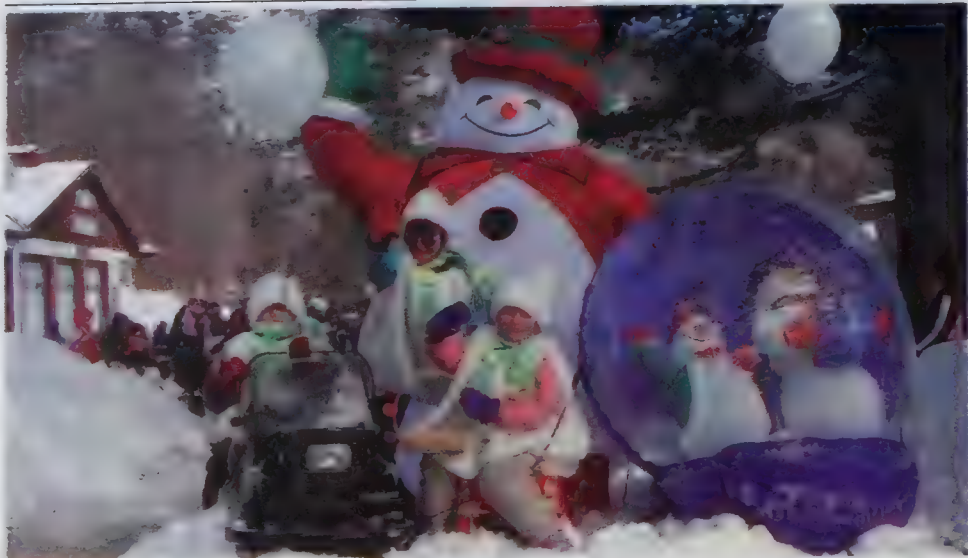
Brother and sister Zach and Grace Mitchell of Burks Falls come to the Dorset Snowball every year.



Two-year-old Kate Morey of Toronto got to make friends with Ariel when she was visiting her grandparents.



Morgan Forrester, 10 of Dwight, is a Snowball rookie. She was excited to work on a few arts and crafts.



The Nash family; Cameron, Doris and Jordyn, along with Frosty, wave to the crowd.



Two USPS (unidentified sitting penguins) climbed aboard the TIM-BR Mart float.

Parade around!



For seven years Bruce Kruger has been the town crier for the Dorset Snowball and what event would be complete without a main street lined with people to take in a parade. Laurie Scott, left of Kruger above, along with other dignitaries were on hand for the opening ceremonies and the launch of the 18th annual Dorset Snowball.



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The Highlands
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Documentary goes behind the scenes as play is born

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

One of the best things about watching a movie on DVD is all the extras that come with it.

Michael Fay's *Last of the Great White Pine* is a play, not a movie, but now local audiences can get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into getting a play to the stage.

At the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on February 9, more than 50 people were on hand to view a documentary, *The Making of the Last of the Great White Pine*, which was put together by the Highland Media Arts' Tammy Rae and George Farrell.

Last spring Highland Media Arts held the 48-Day Film Challenge. People were invited to put together a five-minute film from material gathered in 48 days.

In the end it was decided that one lucky, or skilled, person would get the opportuni-

ty to learn from the pros and help make the documentary of Fay's play about Haliburton County's timber industry more than 100 years ago. Christopher King of Wilberforce, a 21-year-old with a keen interest for film, was voted to be that person.

"Part of the mandate was to find someone who wanted to be mentored or wanted to learn," said Farrell.

"I want to thank Tammy and George for all the time and effort they passed on," King told the crowd before the documentary's first showing. "I've always had an interest in film and this is my first documentary. To work on it all summer was really hands on, I was really excited."

The DVD is 27 minutes, giving the audience a behind-the-scenes view of the play as it comes to fruition, from Michael Fay's description of how the play came to life, to the many bumps along the way to

last summer's outdoor performance, to meeting some of the actors. Of course what would a "making of" be without some added humour? On many occasions the DVD made the audience laugh out loud.

Putting a documentary together is not an easy process, what with pre-shoots, regular shoots, music, discussions, and of course the most time consuming, editing. There were at least two cameras following the cast around from the first reading of the script to the performance at the cultural centre last August.

Fay says an "environmental holocaust" — the deforestation of towering white pines in Haliburton County circa 1884 — inspired him to write the play. Nearly 300,000 trees were taken from Haliburton County and exported to Glasgow, Scotland to replace housing slums. It's a very real story, one that anyone can appreciate, and Fay adds a love story to the plot.

Fay Martin, Fay's wife, produced the play and when asked what her favourite part of the production was, she said instantly, "I really loved the costumes. That Melanie is a little cracker jack."

Melanie Worobetz was in charge of costumes. In the documentary, the 21-year-old is seen stitching dresses while speaking to the camera sharing details of the costumes. She also models one of them in the mirror, peering at her work in a fun but passionate way. She took the costumes gig as part of an internship to gain some experience in the field.

The film was a great success on all accounts. It will be available soon and sold as a double disc at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for only \$20. Highland Media Arts will also be launching a documentary on the log chute, which will be available for viewing in the Stanhope Museum in June.



Matt James/TIMES

Wilberforce resident Christopher King, 21, was thrilled to gain filmmaking experience, as he worked the entire summer with the Highland Media Arts on the documentary, *The Making of the Last of the Great White Pine*.

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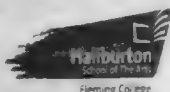
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Ken Sawyer always had a smile on his face

We had some very sad news last week. Haliburton lost a wonderful person with the passing of Ken Sawyer. Nigel and I have known Ken for as long as we have lived here. He worked for John Francis Fuels and delivered our fuel for the pumps and furnace oil. He was truly a credit to John Francis Fuels. Our visits (yes, he did stop to visit on company time) were



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always uplifting and fun. Ken had a sense of humour you don't find everyday.

Nobody wants to receive bills but coming from Ken they were almost painless. His biggest joke was that we should turn up the thermostat because the bill was too low.

He was here a couple of weeks ago with his new trainee and I teased him about getting too old and that's why he had help. You never, ever know when you will see someone for the last time.

With fond memories, we will always

remember Ken with a smile. There's a sadness that he left us too soon. The good do die young!

Our thoughts go out to his wife Connie. It's never easy for the spouse that's left behind.

Ian Coltman's fundraiser to help him rebuild his small engine repair shop after it was destroyed by fire was successful. For

those of you who missed it I will recap the day's events which can never be the same as actually being there but here goes.

The pool tournament was well-attended by eager participants. The winner of the first prize, the boxed pool cue from Highland Leisure, was Frank Deanovic. In second place was Renzo Rosati who picked a motorcycle cover for his bike and in third place was the guest of honour himself - Ian Coltman!

The children's party was attended by at

see STANHOPE page 17



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Austin McKay was a pinball wizard on Saturday afternoon while Katie Groves watched Cheryl Tidey try to win a prize at one of the other games at Carnarvon Bowl. They were helping to raise money for Ian Coltman and the Redner family.

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Stanhope outdid itself at fundraiser for fire victims

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least 30 children of different ages. Mulligan the Clown certainly had their attention.

Okay, I am wondering about Mulligan. This is one serious clown. He/she was spotted driving through Carnarvon in costume! Try and explain that to the R.I.D.E. program. But then it all depends on what time of the day Mulligan was seen. Never mind Waldo – we now have Mulligan.

Besides memories, all the children were able to take a gift home with them as well. The volunteers who helped out did a great job!

The evening was a success too. With confidence I can say that under the circumstances we all did really enjoy ourselves. Popular was the toonie toss for a bottle of rye. Frieda Colman walked around selling tickets for the 60 oz. bottle. We gave away door prizes and spot dance prizes. Local businesses again outdid themselves for a worthy cause. The tables were loaded with many wonderful items making the Silent Auction a total success. Everything sold!

No evening is complete without a dance and we had DJ Tom Williamson, who donated his time and music to the cause. Even though he had lots of interruptions from us making announcements, Tom managed to deliver an evening of great music. Thank you, Tom!

There was way too much food with a wide variety of choices. There it is again, those wonderful neighbors of ours knocking themselves out with their contributions. It's always a scary thing for me when there is this kind of selection on the buffet table. It's the old saying – so much food, so little time; or so much food, very little stomach.

Ian looked happy to see his friends and neighbors and we felt pleased to be part of this day for him. Looking around the room it was plain to see that Ian has a huge circle of friends.

On Sunday morning we were all back at the Carnarvon Bowl to clean up in courtesy to Chris for all the things he did for us. That was the original plan. What actually happened was that we had a great visit rehashing the night before except for Dorothy Upton who was determined to

finish some kitchen chores. Everyone should have someone like Dorothy on their committee; she is so dedicated to the cause.

But I want to stress how big a part of this event was played by our local businesses. The restaurants, the stores – you name it! Newspaper and radio coverage was also really appreciated. Without them it would've been impossible to make it such a successful day.

There you have it, for those of you who attended, a big thank you. Out of an unfortunate need we organized this event but the good feeling that I was left with will stay with me for a long time.

Isn't it great when people you know take a trip south and then come back and talk about it? At the dance I had that conversation with Ron Cummings of Hall's Lake and he was telling me what a wonderful time him and Karen had. Yes, we are happy that they were able to get away even though we can't. Yes, I am very happy that they went to Mexico (one of my favourite places). I will say, "Isn't that nice."

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Ambrose Ferren much loved by Kinmount

Back in my column of January 30, I shared the news of the sudden passing of long-time Kinmount resident Ambrose Ferren, while at his vacation home in Florida. At that time few details were available so today's column will pay tribute to a gentleman much loved by family and friends and dedicated to this community.

George Ambrose Ferren, fondly known as Amby, was closely associated with the Kinmount Agricultural Society, serving as its past president. He

was always active in the preparations for and operation of the annual famous Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend and held the position of fairground manager. During his years at General Motors in Oshawa, Ambrose took an active role serving as a "committee man" for the CAW local.

The family enjoyed its cottage time at Three Brothers Falls just outside Kinmount where Ambrose took a leadership role in its cottage association. He was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount and of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, taking an interest in its many Parish activities.

Ambrose was also involved in the planning for the Kinmount & District Health Centre and in the Mariposa Community

Credit Union's decision to open a branch here, taking particular pride in seeing these two important projects become realities. A familiar face on Main Street - he will be greatly missed.

The 6th Annual Sandra Robertson Memorial Dart Tournament will take place at the Kinmount Legion Branch on Sunday, March 9. This event is mixed open with two

men and two women competing on each team. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with

play starting at 10 a.m.

The Legion reminds everyone that "most activities and all our entertainment is open to anyone who wishes to join in the fun." New faces and new members are welcome. Why not take the time to find out more about the Legion, its programs and its role in the community?

There is still time to buy your ticket for the quilt draw coming up on March 6 at 5 p.m. at the Kinmount District Health Centre. This fundraiser for the Joints in Motion Program of the Arthritis Society offers the chance to win one of three beautiful quilted items by Dr. Elena Mihu. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available at the Health Centre, the Kinmount Pharmacy and Gateway Variety.

Now for the scoring news with your usual

reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 12 Stanhope Firehall seniors' mixed shuffleboard: In top spot were Maureen Ireland and June Foster at 345 then Flo Roussel and Jim Meadows second at 303. Third place went to Joan Meadows partnered with John Fortune at 273 while Dorene Elstone and Tom Macartney had the afternoon's low of a still respectable 198.

February 12 euchre at Gelert: Harold Harvie reports that John Deak took lone hand honours and Dorothy McElwain won the draw. The evening's high scores were recorded by Pearl Cowen and Kevin Maloney with Theresa Deak and Don Hicks tallying up the lows.

February 12 bid euchre at Minden Legion: For the ladies Verna McDonald was first at 308, Edith Burch second at 221 and Gala Stamp 214 third. Leading the gents at 326 was George Bull then Marcel Roussel 240 and Marcy Morgan 236. Gala Stamp had the only moonshot while Sharron Atkinson, Marcy Morgan, Bev Johnson and Tom Grix won the other prizes.

February 12 contract bridge at Stanhope: There was one Slam over the afternoon by Joan Davies and our reporter Ross Fletcher. Ross led the high scores at 6580 then Dorothy Strype 5850 with Rob Eaton and Liv Andersen tied for third place at 5240. Norma Crewson won the lucky draw and Linda Cherry received the Dazzling Dime, an upgrade from her Shiny Penny win of last week. For Ross Fletcher it was the T.T.J.A.D. Award saying Thanks To Joan And Dorothy for their good cards.

February 13 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot trio members were Leroy Mowat, Dwaine Lloyd and George Bye. George was also first for the white cards at 282 followed by George Bull 256 and Kevin Maloney 245 while topping the pinks was Verna McDonald 280 then Lottie Ruttan 270 and Willie Cox 240.

February 13 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system top honours went to Reet Murray and Bill Sandford at 56% with Lois Emmerson and Ev Morgan second at 55% and Joan Davies partnered with Muriel McIntosh third at 54%.

February 14 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Lois Adamson and Pearl Cowen with Kay and Tom Orr recording the high scores for ladies/men. Low scores went to our reporter May Bradbury and John Mallon with Don Burch, Ron Morrison, Gwen Cox and May Bradbury taking home the other prizes.

February 15 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Leading the scoring was the duo of Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher at 73% then Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies second at 60% and Margo Davidson partnered with Diana Spicer third at 49%.

February 15 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Hazel Dorman for lone hands, Maria Tschida for low hands and Carol Derbyshire for the special draw prize.

February 15 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots landed on Betty Wagar, Robert McIvor and Helen Windsor with Tom Pearson holding the hidden score. Jean Randell led the pinks at 260 followed by Colleen Davison 241 and Helen Windsor 226. For the white cards top spot went to Merv Elstone at 267 then George Bye 256 with Dick Coffey a close third at 256. Thanks to Mary Pearson for her report.

February 16 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Six moonshots landed on Jesse Barlow, Emily Harvie, Gala Stamp, June Branning, Isobel Cherwenka and Pat Bailey. First for the pinks was Edith Burch at 311 with June Branning next at 258 and Elli Langpohl 247 third. High for the whites was Jesse Barlow at 259 then Kevin Maloney 253 and Theresa Deak 252.

February 18 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Gala Stamp and Jeanne Keliele with Dan Penney and Joyce Ritchie winning the lucky draws. Gwen Cox and Karen Chapman had the afternoon's high scores while Kay Godden took the low. Thanks to Lorna Hicks for this report.

February 18 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Marjorie Paradis had the high score with Rose Isaacson second high and our reporter Pauline Franzen third. Dana Briscoe won the draw and also had a moonshot along with Rose Isaacson and Frank Franzen.

February 18 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Luck was with the Daniels family with Murray winning for high hands and Olive taking the low score honours. Holding the most lone hands was our reporter Elaine Yeo while Pat Bailey took home the special prize.

February 18 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top trio in order were Tom Grix, Laura Penney and Bob Cleverley. The other prizes of the evening were Tom Grix, Sharron Atkinson, Laura Penney and Edith Burch. Thanks to Elva Paisley for her update.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF TENDER

REHABILITATION OF COUNTY ROAD 21

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The scope of work for this project includes the rehabilitation of County Road 21 from Soyers Lake Road east for approximately 3.4 km. Construction generally includes, but is not limited to, milling and pulverizing existing asphalt, removal and installation of culverts, base stabilization of approximately 500 meters of distressed roadway, supply and placement of granular materials, supply and placement of hot mix asphalt (HL-3 & HL-8), the construction of 1.2 meter paved shoulders and line painting.

The major construction items and approximate quantities are as follows:

Mill and/or Pulverize Asphalt	27,930 m ²
Supply and Place Granular Materials	1,590 tonne
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Complete tender documents including specifications and contract drawings may be obtained from The Greer Galloway Group Inc., or the County of Haliburton at the addresses listed below, on or after February 19, 2008. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00, payable to The Greer Galloway Group Inc. is required. Enquiries pertaining to this Tender should be directed to The Greer Galloway Group Inc. attn. Jim Greenwood, P.Eng.

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NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

In accordance with *Cemeteries Act (Revised) R.S.O. 1990, c.4* the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands passed By-Law 08-2 on February 7, 2008, being a by-law to adopt Rules and Regulations for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Township of Algonquin Highlands. A copy of By-Law 08-2 has been filed with, and is subject to the approval of the Registrar.

Interested persons may access By-Law 08-2 by contacting the Municipal Clerk for further information or to make copies.

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Kids usually complain about having to go to school but not when they're learning how to play electric guitar. Participants in a special two-day March Break workshop will also be able to make their own model to keep. Space is limited so please register early by calling Rick Cox at the municipal office, 286-1260, ext 220.

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The program takes place on March 10 & 11 from 9am to 3pm at the Minden

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The cost is \$200, which includes the guitar as well as lunch both days. Discounted pricing for amplifiers and other accessories are also available to participants.

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To register, contact Rick Cox at 286-1260 ext. 220.



Folks' art

Visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery to see the incredible Susan Murray Collection of Canadian Folk Art. It includes hooked rugs, sculpture and paintings depicting Canadian heritage. Susan Murray will be at the gallery on March 8 at 1 p.m. to talk about her collection and her passion for folk art. Everyone is invited to attend. The exhibit runs until April 26.

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- Feb 24:** Minden United Church - 5:30-9:00 p.m. Please bring your favourite potluck dish and board games. Contact Amanda Austin or Max Ward 286-3592 for more information. Everyone welcome.
- Feb 24:** Winter Fun Day at YMCA Camp Wanakita - 2 pm - 5 pm - Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, low ropes, broomball, tobogganing and skating on the Lake Koshlong. All provided free for the community. All you can eat Hot Dogs, Chili, cookies and hot chocolate available for a nominal fee. For more information please contact: Charlene@hhchamber.on.ca or 705-286-1760 or 1-877-811-6111
- Feb 25:** Blood donor clinic, 12:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Catholic Church. Legion Ladies Auxiliary.
- Feb 27:** "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th - 12:30-1:30. Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware)
- Feb 28:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 1p.m.
- Mar 4:** Minden and District Horticultural Society - 1pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Linda Friend, Planning and Selecting plants for mid to late summer and beyond." Savory treats.
- Mar 6:** Bus trip to the International Home and Garden Show and Success with Gardening. For information call Pam at 286-5136.
- Mar 7:** World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m. - St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. This year the ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Guyana. Everyone welcome. For further information contact June White at 457-3543.
- Mar 10-14:** March Break Club - West Guilford Baptist Church - 9:00am-11:30pm, ages 4-12. It's Free. To register call 754-0079
- Mar 11:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm. Sponsored by Subway Development
- Mar 12:** Free Public Skating - 11am-1pm. Sponsor is Modern Electric
- Mar 13:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Mar 15:** Youth Saturday Art Club - continues March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14 from 9am to 2pm. Pre-registration required one week before each workshop by calling the gallery. A combination of art history and art creation this is an opportunity for youths to learn more about art and further develop their skills. \$30 per youth per workshop. Supplies included. Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- Apr 1:** Minden and District Horticultural Society - 1 pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Ross Pogue. "Planning and planting pumpkins, squash and gourds". Treats - Maple munchies.
- May 6:** Minden and District Horticultural Society - 7:30pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Peter Hill "Square Foot Gardening". Treats - Chocolate surprise.
- May 10:** Plant Sale - Village Green, Minden. Minden and District Horticultural Society.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Adult Shiny Hockey - Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm, S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Full Equipment must be worn, 18 years of age and older. A great opportunity to participate in a game of "pick-up" hockey. Get a group together from work to create your own league. Cost of participation \$5.00 per person. For further information call 286-1936.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Climbing Club - Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: donna@pointintime.ca

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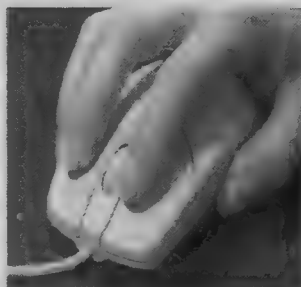


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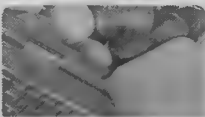


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DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 29th day of January, 2008.

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Births

Thank You Cards

A big thank you from Lawrence; Martin
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half-loads time frame. Blackie and Tobbie
our two cats live through the fire too!
Margaret's hands are getting better. Again
we thank you and our door is always open.
Beware though we have a lot of work to do
this spring!

Dear Friends,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all
the beautiful flowers, pretty balloons,
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wife Keri, grandfather to 3
grandchildren. Fondly remembered by
Bob & Diane, Shirley and Carl, Judy
and family.

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To Rev Faun Harriman for your kind words.

And a special thank you to Cheryl for just being you.

Thank you to everyone

Chris, Coleen, Susan and their
families



Deaths

LEVESQUE, Robert "Bob" - Passed
away peacefully after a long illness at
the Haliburton Hospital on February 15,
2008.

Dear Blue-eyed husband of Joan
(54 years). Beloved Dad to Bobby
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(Kathy) and Michele Coneybeare
(Chris). Loving Papa to 10
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Rodden in Mississauga.

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Deaths

MINTZ, Mervin Carl - Passed away
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Melanie, Greg, Vincent, Jeffrey, Kevin,
Kaily and great grandfather of Cole,
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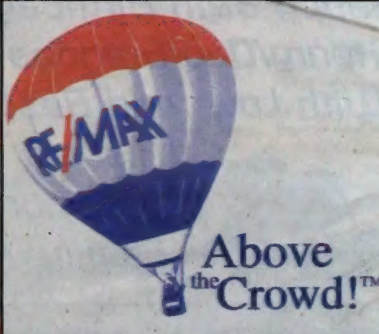
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